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SUBJECT: JUNE 2008 SECURITY COUNCIL THEMATIC DEBATE AND  
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN SITUATIONS OF  
ARMED CONFLICT."

REF: A. STATE 54684  
[1](#)B. STATE 56632 (NOTAL)

[1](#)1. Security Council member states have been invited to participate at a ministerial level in a thematic debate on sexual violence in situations of armed conflict, to be chaired on June 19 by Secretary Rice (reftel A). USUN will introduce and circulate a draft resolution (reftel B) on this topic to all Security Council members' missions in New York on June 3. Department requests embassies to deliver the talking points in paragraph 2 below at an appropriate level in the host country foreign ministry on Tuesday, June 3.

[1](#)2. BEGIN TALKING POINTS.

-- As you know, the Security Council, under the U.S. presidency, will hold a thematic debate on June 19 on the topic of sexual violence in situations of armed conflict.

-- Our mission in New York will be sharing the text of a draft resolution with your New York colleagues on Tuesday, June 3, to initiate a round of consultations to reach a consensus text for adoption during the debate.

-- In light of Secretary of State Rice's personal involvement in the upcoming Council debate on this issue, we are bringing this matter to your attention.

-- We urge you to give the draft resolution your favorable consideration.

END TALKING POINTS.  
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